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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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**Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35129  
SSP Railroad Holding LLC--  
Acquisition and Operation Exemption--  
Mittal Steel USA--Railways Inc.**

Dear Secretary Quinlan

SSP Railroad Holding LLC hereby certifies in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1150.32(e) that a copy of the enclosed notice was posted at the workplace of Mittal Steel USA - Railways Inc. employees in Sparrows Point, Maryland on March 31, 2008. SSP Railroad Holding LLC further certifies that it has served a copy of this letter and the enclosed notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the national office of the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, which represents the hourly employees on the Lines for collective bargaining purposes.

An original and 11 copies of this letter and the attached notice are enclosed for filing with the Surface Transportation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard A. Allen

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## **NOTICE**

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Pursuant to applicable Surface Transportation Board regulations, SSP Railroad Holding LLC hereby provides notice to the employees of Mittal Steel USA – Railways Inc (“Mittal Railways”) that SSP Railroad Holding LLC intends to acquire all of the rail lines, rolling stock and substantially all of the other assets of Mittal Railways currently used exclusively or primarily in and around the Sparrows Point, Maryland steelmaking facility owned and operated by affiliates of Mittal Railways (the “Sparrows Point Business”) SSP Railroad Holding LLC anticipates assuming operating of the rail line and other assets on or after May 1, 2008

SSP Railroad Holding L L C will be acquiring the assets of Mittal Railways in connection with the acquisition by its parent company, OAO Severstal, of the assets of ArcelorMittal USA Inc and its affiliates of assets related to the Sparrows Point Business

SSP Railroad Holding LLC does not expect that its acquisition will result in significant operating changes that would affect the number or types of employees required for its rail operations As of the date of this notice, SSP Railroad Holding LLC intends to make offers of employment to the current employees of Mittal Railways at Sparrows Point, including approximately nine (9) salaried employees and all approximately seventy (70) represented Mittal Railways employees who are involved in the Sparrows Point Business, as stipulated in SSP Railroad Holding LLC’s acquisition agreement with Mittal Railways These include all of the Mittal Railways maintenance technicians, operating technicians, utility persons and O&T plant technicians who are involved in the Sparrows Point Business These terms of such employment shall include compensation and employee benefits, no less favorable in the aggregate than the compensation and employee benefits provided to such employees as of immediately prior to the acquisition

This notice is being posted in accordance with the requirements of 49 C F R Section 1150.32(e), which requires the posting of a notice at the workplace of the employees of the affected railroad line at least sixty (60) days before the notice of exemption relating to the proposed transaction becomes effective SSP Railroad Holding LLC intends to request from the Surface Transportation Board a reduction in the applicable notice period to permit the transaction to become effective on or after May 1, 2008

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